

Teacher's Answer Key
The State of the States

- 1a. #1 Nevada - 66.3 %
#2 Arizona - 40.0 %
#3 Colorado - 30.6 %
#4 Utah - 29.6 %
#5 Idaho - 28.5 %

1b. The states with the largest percent increase are located in the west.

- 2a. #1 California - 4,111,627
#2 Texas - 3,865,310
#3 Florida - 3,044,452
#4 Georgia - 1,708,237
#5 Arizona - 1,465,404

2b. Most of the states with the largest numeric increase are located in the south.

- 3a. #1 North Dakota - 0.5 %
#2 West Virginia - 0.8 %
#3 Pennsylvania - 3.4 %
#4 Connecticut - 3.6 %
#5 Maine - 3.8 %

3b. Most of the states with the smallest percent increase are located in the east.

| 4a. | 2000 | 1990 |
|-----|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| #1 | California - 33,871,648 | California - 29,760,021 |
| #2 | Texas - 20,851,820 | New York - 17,990,455 |
| #3 | New York - 18,976,457 | Texas - 16,986,510 |
| #4 | Florida - 15,982,378 | Florida - 12,937,926 |
| #5 | Illinois - 12,419,293 | Pennsylvania - 11,881,643 |

4b. In 1990, more people lived in New York than in Texas and more people lived in Pennsylvania than in Illinois. By 2000, there were more people living in Texas than New York and more people living in Illinois than Pennsylvania. California and Florida maintained their rankings.

| 5a. | 2000 | 1990 |
|-----|------------------------|------------------------|
| #1 | Wyoming - 493,782 | Wyoming - 453,588 |
| #2 | Vermont - 608,827 | Alaska - 550,043 |
| #3 | Alaska - 626,932 | Vermont - 562,758 |
| #4 | North Dakota - 642,200 | North Dakota - 638,800 |
| #5 | South Dakota - 754,844 | Delaware - 666,168 |

5b. In 1990, more people lived in Vermont than in Alaska and more people lived in South Dakota than in Delaware. By 2000, there were more people living in Alaska than Vermont and more people living in Delaware than South Dakota. Wyoming and North Dakota maintained their rankings.

6. The western region increased by the largest percentage between 1990 and 2000. The states with the largest percentage increases are in the west.

7. The southern region had the largest numeric increase between 1990 and 2000. The states with the largest numeric increases were in the south.

Lesson 1
Census 2000
The State of the States Worksheet

The 2000 Census revealed some important facts and trends. No state lost population. (The District of Columbia lost population, but is not considered a state.) The U.S. population has been shifting to the west and south since the early 1800's. This trend also continued between 1990 and 2000. To learn more about how the United States changed during the last decade, answer the following questions using [Table T1](#), "Resident Population of the United States."

1a. Name the five states that increased by the largest percentages (grew the fastest) between 1990 and 2000. Rank them in order (1 = state with largest percent change) and give the percentage by which they grew.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

1b. Looking at the map of the United States, what do you notice about these states in terms of their location? _____

2a. Name the five states that added the greatest number of people during the 1990's. Rank them in order (1 = state with largest numeric change) and give the number of people added.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

2b. Looking at the map of the United States, what do you notice about these states in terms of their location? _____

3a. Name the five states that increased by the smallest percentages (grew the least) between 1990 and 2000. Rank them in order (1 = state with smallest percent change) and give the percentages by which they grew.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

3b. Looking at the map of the United States, what do you notice about these states in terms of their location? _____

4a. Name the five most populous states in 2000 and 1990. Rank them in order (1 = state with largest population).

| | 2000 | 1990 |
|----|-------|-------|
| 1. | _____ | _____ |
| 2. | _____ | _____ |
| 3. | _____ | _____ |
| 4. | _____ | _____ |
| 5. | _____ | _____ |

4b. How did the ranking of the states change between 2000 and 1990? _____

5a. Name the five least populous states in 2000 and 1990. Rank them in order (1 = state with smallest population).

| | 2000 | 1990 |
|----|-------|-------|
| 1. | _____ | _____ |
| 2. | _____ | _____ |
| 3. | _____ | _____ |
| 4. | _____ | _____ |
| 5. | _____ | _____ |

5b. How did the ranking of the states change between 2000 and 1990? _____

6. Based on the information gathered above, which region* (see regions listed below) do you think increased by the largest percentage between 1990 and 2000? Include facts to support your answer.

7. Based on the information gathered above, which region* (see regions listed below) do you think increased by the largest numeric value between 1990 and 2000? Include facts to support your answer.

***Census Bureau Regions**

Northeast CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT

South AL, AR, DC, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV

Midwest IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI

West AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

Table T1. Resident Population of the United States
April 1, 2000 and April 1, 1990

| <i>Area</i> | April 1, 2000 | <i>April 1, 1990</i> | Numeric Change | Percent Change | State Rank as of April 1, 2000 | <i>State Rank as of April 1, 1990</i> |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Alabama | 4,447,100 | 4,040,587 | 406,513 | 10.1 | 23 | 22 |
| Alaska | 626,932 | 550,043 | 76,889 | 14.0 | 48 | 49 |
| Arizona | 5,130,632 | 3,665,228 | 1,465,404 | 40.0 | 20 | 24 |
| Arkansas | 2,673,400 | 2,350,725 | 322,675 | 13.7 | 33 | 33 |
| California | 33,871,648 | 29,760,021 | 4,111,627 | 13.8 | 1 | 1 |
| Colorado | 4,301,261 | 3,294,394 | 1,006,867 | 30.6 | 24 | 26 |
| Connecticut | 3,405,565 | 3,287,116 | 118,449 | 3.6 | 29 | 27 |
| Delaware | 783,600 | 666,168 | 117,432 | 17.6 | 45 | 46 |
| District of Columbia | 572,059 | 606,900 | -34,841 | -5.7 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Florida | 15,982,378 | 12,937,926 | 3,044,452 | 23.5 | 4 | 4 |
| Georgia | 8,186,453 | 6,478,216 | 1,708,237 | 26.4 | 10 | 11 |
| Hawaii | 1,211,537 | 1,108,229 | 103,308 | 9.3 | 42 | 41 |
| Idaho | 1,293,953 | 1,006,749 | 287,204 | 28.5 | 39 | 42 |
| Illinois | 12,419,293 | 11,430,602 | 988,691 | 8.6 | 5 | 6 |
| Indiana | 6,080,485 | 5,544,159 | 536,326 | 9.7 | 14 | 14 |
| Iowa | 2,926,324 | 2,776,755 | 149,569 | 5.4 | 30 | 30 |
| Kansas | 2,688,418 | 2,477,574 | 210,844 | 8.5 | 32 | 32 |
| Kentucky | 4,041,769 | 3,685,296 | 356,473 | 9.7 | 25 | 23 |
| Louisiana | 4,468,976 | 4,219,973 | 249,003 | 5.9 | 22 | 21 |
| Maine | 1,274,923 | 1,227,928 | 46,995 | 3.8 | 40 | 38 |
| Maryland | 5,296,486 | 4,781,468 | 515,018 | 10.8 | 19 | 19 |
| Massachusetts | 6,349,097 | 6,016,425 | 332,672 | 5.5 | 13 | 13 |
| Michigan | 9,938,444 | 9,295,297 | 643,147 | 6.9 | 8 | 8 |
| Minnesota | 4,919,479 | 4,375,099 | 544,380 | 12.4 | 21 | 20 |
| Mississippi | 2,844,658 | 2,573,216 | 271,442 | 10.5 | 31 | 31 |
| Missouri | 5,595,211 | 5,117,073 | 478,138 | 9.3 | 17 | 15 |
| Montana | 902,195 | 799,065 | 103,130 | 12.9 | 44 | 44 |
| Nebraska | 1,711,263 | 1,578,385 | 132,878 | 8.4 | 38 | 36 |
| Nevada | 1,998,257 | 1,201,833 | 796,424 | 66.3 | 35 | 39 |
| New Hampshire | 1,235,786 | 1,109,252 | 126,534 | 11.4 | 41 | 40 |
| New Jersey | 8,414,350 | 7,730,188 | 684,162 | 8.9 | 9 | 9 |
| New Mexico | 1,819,046 | 1,515,069 | 303,977 | 20.1 | 36 | 37 |
| New York | 18,976,457 | 17,990,455 | 986,002 | 5.5 | 3 | 2 |
| North Carolina | 8,049,313 | 6,628,637 | 1,420,676 | 21.4 | 11 | 10 |
| North Dakota | 642,200 | 638,800 | 3,400 | 0.5 | 47 | 47 |
| Ohio | 11,353,140 | 10,847,115 | 506,025 | 4.7 | 7 | 7 |
| Oklahoma | 3,450,654 | 3,145,585 | 305,069 | 9.7 | 27 | 28 |
| Oregon | 3,421,399 | 2,842,321 | 579,078 | 20.4 | 28 | 29 |
| Pennsylvania | 12,281,054 | 11,881,643 | 399,411 | 3.4 | 6 | 5 |
| Rhode Island | 1,048,319 | 1,003,464 | 44,855 | 4.5 | 43 | 43 |
| South Carolina | 4,012,012 | 3,486,703 | 525,309 | 15.1 | 26 | 25 |
| South Dakota | 754,844 | 696,004 | 58,840 | 8.5 | 46 | 45 |
| Tennessee | 5,689,283 | 4,877,185 | 812,098 | 16.7 | 16 | 17 |
| Texas | 20,851,820 | 16,986,510 | 3,865,310 | 22.8 | 2 | 3 |
| Utah | 2,233,169 | 1,722,850 | 510,319 | 29.6 | 34 | 35 |
| Vermont | 608,827 | 562,758 | 46,069 | 8.2 | 49 | 48 |
| Virginia | 7,078,515 | 6,187,358 | 891,157 | 14.4 | 12 | 12 |
| Washington | 5,894,121 | 4,866,692 | 1,027,429 | 21.1 | 15 | 18 |
| West Virginia | 1,808,344 | 1,793,477 | 14,867 | 0.8 | 37 | 34 |
| Wisconsin | 5,363,675 | 4,891,769 | 471,906 | 9.6 | 18 | 16 |
| Wyoming | 493,782 | 453,588 | 40,194 | 8.9 | 50 | 50 |
| Total Resident Population¹ | 281,421,906 | 248,709,873 | 32,712,033 | 13.2 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Northeast | 53,594,378 | 50,809,229 | 2,785,149 | 5.5 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Midwest | 64,392,776 | 59,668,632 | 4,724,144 | 7.9 | (NA) | (NA) |
| South | 100,236,820 | 85,445,930 | 14,790,890 | 17.3 | (NA) | (NA) |
| West | 63,197,932 | 52,786,082 | 10,411,850 | 19.7 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Puerto Rico | 3,808,610 | 3,522,037 | 286,573 | 8.1 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Total Resident Population Including Puerto Rico | 285,230,516 | 252,231,910 | 32,998,606 | 13.1 | (NA) | (NA) |

¹ Includes the population of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau

NA: Not Applicable